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Principal's Message: The Most Wonderful Time of Year

As cooler weather settles in, there's an undeniable warmth that fills the halls of Maumee High School. Winter is a wonderful time of the year for students, staff, and families alike. With the holiday season just around the corner, school spirit is at an all-time high. Whether it's the buzz from success in Fall, the sound of students rehearsing for winter concerts, or the anticipation of much-loved traditions, the Maumee High School is a great place to be.

One of the highlights of December is the array of school events that bring the Maumee community together. From the Winter Choir, Orchestra, and Band Concerts showcasing our talented musicians to the spirited holiday sports events that rally school pride, December is filled with opportunities for students to shine and families to cheer them on. Not to mention, student organizations host charity drives and community outreach initiatives that embody the spirit of giving. Whether it's donating food, toys, or volunteering time, these activities remind everyone of the importance of kindness and generosity, creating an atmosphere of togetherness and goodwill.

Winter also brings a sense of reflection and anticipation as the end of a calendar year approaches. Students are encouraged to finish strong with their academic work while looking forward to the promise of winter break. Teachers and staff celebrate the progress made over the Fall trimester, taking pride in the growth of their students. For many, Winter is a time to slow down, appreciate the hard work of the year, and look forward to new beginnings in the next. With its blend of celebration, reflection, and school spirit, Winter truly encapsulates the heart and soul of Maumee High School, making it the most wonderful time of the year.



Scott Perrotte; Principal



MHS Calendar of Events

(events are subject to change)

December 1st	Maumee Holiday Light Parade
December 2nd	PENTA Career Center "Open House"
December 4th	Athletic Booster Meeting (7pm)
December 5th	MHS Talent Show Auditions (2:30pm)
December 7th	DECA Chuck-a-Puck Fundraiser
December 9th	Holiday Choir Concert
December 10th	Spring Musical Auditions
December 11th	6th-12th Grade Band Holiday Concert
December 12th	Holiday Orchestra Concert
December 17-18	Talent Show Tickets Sale
December 20th	Last Day of School Before Break MHS Talent Show (during school day)
Dec. 21st - Jan. 5th	WINTER BREAK (No School)
January 6th	Classes Resume

Weekender Food Bags

Maumee City Schools has community partners that are helping with families facing food insecurity. If your family would benefit from this program, please contact Eden Pendleton at ependleton@maumee12.org or by calling the board office at 419-893-3200 ext 10225.

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Absences and Convenience Absence Form

Ohio HB410, known as the attendance law, was signed in Dec 2016. This law is what drives the attendance procedures in schools including our attendance policies. Students that are 38 hours or more of absences are considered "excessively absent" and those who obtain 30 consecutive hours, 42 hours within 1 month, or 72 hours in the year are considered "habitually truant". This policy is 5200 and located on page 16 of the student handbook. For these reasons, it is very important to obtain a note whenever possible regarding absences.

Because of this law, student vacations are not considered excused absences. These hours of missed instruction count towards these hours. Maumee City Schools requests that families that need to take a vacation during the school year, complete the convenience absence form. This informs the families of their options and also communicates with the school. While teachers are not required to provide work while a student is absent, they sometimes have the ability to do so. If your family has a vacation planned during the school year, please get a convenience absence form from the office for your student prior to leaving for vacation.

8th Grade Open House

On November 14th, Maumee High School opened the doors to welcome prospective Panthers. Thanks to the generous donations of Promedica The Commons, we were able to provide meals for 300 visitors during this event. Future Panthers were treated to musical selections from choir, band, and orchestra as well as a small art show. They also were able to meet with and talk to coaches, as well as advisors for many of the athletics and extracurricular activities offered at MHS. Teachers welcomed these visitors to check out their classrooms and talk about course selections. Thank you so much for coming out to enjoy this event! We hope to see you in the fall!

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After-School Tutoring

MHS offers supervised after-school tutoring and quiet study opportunities **every day from 2:30 - 3:30 pm**. Transportation home is provided at 3:45 pm for students who are eligible to ride the bus (live more than 1 mile from the building). At 3:30 pm, students who require a bus to take them home will be given a transportation ticket from the Supervising Teacher and can take that ticket to Maumee Intermediate School to catch a bus. Bus eligible students who attend after-school club meetings may also catch the 3:45 pm bus at Wayne Trail.

December Happenings

- CHOIR CONCERT - Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm
- BAND CONCERT - Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm
- ORCHESTRA CONCERT - Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 pm
- HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK THEME DAYS
 - Monday, December 16th - Holiday Socks
 - Tuesday, December 17th - Wear Green & Red
 - Wednesday, December 18th - White-Out Wednesday
 - Thursday, December 19th - Ugly Holiday Sweater
 - Friday, December 20th - Flannel Friday



Kroger Community Rewards

Many of us shop at Kroger. There is a way that you can help MHS by shopping at Kroger and there is no cost to you!!! If you list Maumee High School as your Kroger Community Partner, Kroger will donate to MHS every time you use your Kroger card. Monies raised benefit LINK crew, yearbook, Panther Pack, events and rewards for students at Maumee High School. Please follow the steps below to link your Kroger card to MHS:

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We encourage you to invite your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program even if they did not participate in the past. How much Maumee High School earns will depend on how much members spend shopping at Kroger. All participants need to have a Kroger Plus Card (which can be obtained in any Kroger store at the customer service desk).

Student Assessments and Academic Intervention Services

The Maumee Board of Education has policies in place related to student assessments and academic intervention services. Links to these policies and other important testing information can be found on the school district website under the FEDERAL PROGRAMS tab.

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Graduation 2024 (SAVE THE DATE)

Graduation 2024 is scheduled for **Sunday, May 18th, 2024 at 2pm** at the Stranahan Theatre. We will be sharing more information as we get closer to May.



Graduation Academic Recognition

Graduating students at Maumee High School receive individual academic recognition at the graduation ceremony based on the *Latin Honors System* and the earning of a *State of Ohio Honors Diploma*. Every student who earns an honors diploma will receive an academic medallion at the graduation ceremony and will be recognized by name for that award. The earning of an honors diploma is NOT based on taking any honors courses, it is simply the culmination of 4 years of a prescribed college preparatory curriculum. To earn a state of Ohio academic honors diploma, the student must complete any 7 of the following 8 criteria:

1. 4 credits of English
2. 4 credits of Math including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and a higher level math
3. 4 credits of Science including 2 credits of Advanced Science
4. 4 credits of Social Studies
5. 3 credits of the same Foreign Language or 2 credits in two different languages
6. 1 credit of Fine Arts
7. 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
8. 27 Composite on the ACT

MHS Prepares Students for the Act

On **Tuesday, February 11th** all Juniors will take a timed, full-length practice test during the school day in order to prepare for the Statewide Act later in March. To prepare our juniors for performing at their highest possible level, MHS teachers have embedded ACT questions and testing strategies into course curriculum as well. Previously, Juniors have taken two full-length practice ACTs during their 9th and 10th grade year. **Any PENTA Juniors interested in taking the Practice ACT Tuesday, February 11th should contact the Main Office Secretary Mrs. Kolacki at KKolacki@maumee12.org.** This practice test will be scored and shared with students. Juniors should bring an ACT approved calculator. Juniors are considered "college ready" if they meet ALL 4 of the college-ready subscores (shown below):

ACT College Readiness Benchmarks

English - 18 Mathematics - 22 Reading - 22 Science - 23

On **Tuesday, March 11, 2024**, every junior (including PENTA Juniors) will take part in the statewide administration of the ACT test. The state of Ohio pays for this administration and it is the only time that they do so. At the same time, **FRESHMEN** and **SOPHOMORES** will take a full-length, timed practice ACT. The practice tests will be scored and returned to the freshmen & sophomores. This is all part of our holistic and ongoing ACT Preparation for all Maumee High School students. **Juniors must bring an ACT approved calculator to this. Freshmen & Sophomores should bring an ACT approved calculator as well. All students participating will be dismissed home at the conclusion of testing on this day.**

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Penta Career Center's "Career Night" 12/2/24

Penta Career Center will host its annual "Career Night" on Monday, December 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at its campus located at 9301 Buck Road in Perrysburg Township. The event is designed to introduce high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; middle school students; and parents to the variety of career-technical training options available at Penta. Students interested in applying for admission to Penta and who would like an overview of career-technical education, are encouraged to bring their parents to Career Night.

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MHS Teacher Named O.F.L.A. Teacher of the Year

Maumee High School German teacher, Maria Herman has been named the Ohio Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Foreign Language Association (O.F.L.A.). Affectionately known as "Frau Herman" by her students, she is currently in her 18th year teaching German. She received her bachelor's degrees in German, Music and

German education from the University of Toledo. She spent time teaching at Whitmer High School, as well as at the Toledo Zoo before beginning full-time at Maumee High School in the fall of 2011 where she currently serves as German teacher and the Foreign Language Department Chair. Some of her favorite parts of teaching include the celebration of Maumee High School's annual Oktoberfest, which takes place at the end of October each year. Maria Herman also really enjoys daily activities and interactions with students, as well as working with Maumee High School's German club. She was also honored to receive a stipend to attend a 2-week course in Munich, Germany for teachers from all over the world who teach German. There, she was able to connect with international colleagues, re-refresh her German skills and enjoy time immersed in the culture of Germany. Maria Herman is honored to be selected as OFLA's teacher of the year and is looking forward to attending Central States in Kansas City in March of next year. Please join us in congratulating Frau Herman on a well deserved honor.

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Maumee City Schools utilizes School Messenger for all types of messaging to parents - including events, school closings, safety alerts, and more.

SchoolMessenger will deliver SMS text messages straight to your mobile phone - but only with your permission.

If you are not receiving SMS text messages from the school district and/or your child's school, you can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

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Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message." Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. You can opt out of these messages at any time by replying to one of our messages with "stop". SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can be assured that your information is safe and will not be given or sold to anyone. SchoolMessenger uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure, and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.



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Join us in shaping the future workforce and making a lasting impact on our community!

Benefits for Maumee Students:

- Experience a variety of age-appropriate learning opportunities
- Increasing awareness of local opportunities
- Exposure to career pathways and trends
- Generate real-world connections to their educational experience


Benefits for Maumee Community Partners:

- Public acknowledgement of your support for Maumee students with Panther Network decal and website listing
- Generate interest in your career field and post opportunities to the MHS virtual job board
- Communicate skills and knowledge necessary in the workforce to the next generation




How to Join

For more information, scan the QR code to visit our website.




For potential activities and registration, see the reverse side.

Questions?
Contact Rachael Salazar at 419-893-3200 (Option #8) or rsalazar@maumeeek12.org




Support Students Through The Panther Network







Guest Readers
Visit a K-5 classroom to read a career-related book and share your personal job experiences



Classroom Speaker
Visit a classroom to talk with a class or small group to present information about what it means to work in your career or industry



Classroom Projects
Collaborate with a classroom or grade level to create a project-based learning experience for students that includes real-world application and problem solving



Job Shadowing
Provide an opportunity for a student in grades 6-12 to observe, discuss, and participate in daily routines and activities related to a particular job



Career Fair
Participate in this event by providing information and advice about pursuing a career in your field, the skills and knowledge needed to be successful and how to get started




Work-Based Learning
Provide a high school student with an internship, pre-apprenticeship, or apprenticeship opportunity that aligns with classroom learning and builds skills



Field Trips
Host students to tour your workplace to discuss career options, required education, a typical day, and more!




Teacher Externship
Provide job shadowing, training, or career information for a Maumee educator so they can bring various careers to life in their classroom



Career Day
Visit a classroom or grade level to provide a hands-on activity related to professions in your field

Questions?
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ATHLETIC EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon., Dec. 2	6:00 PM	Boy's Basketball (JV)	Holgate High School	H	Maumee High School
Mon., Dec. 2	7:30 PM	Boy's Basketball (Varsity)	Holgate High School	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 3	4:45 PM	Boy's Basketball (Freshman)	Central Catholic High School - Toledo	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 3	6:00 PM	Boy's Basketball (JV)	Woodward High School	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 3	7:30 PM	Boy's Basketball (Varsity)	Woodward High School	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 03	4:00 PM	Girl's Bowling (Varsity)	Eastwood High School	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 03	4:00 PM	Boy's Bowling (Varsity)	Eastwood High School	H	Maumee High School
Thurs., Dec. 05	4:00 PM	Boy's Wrestling (Freshman)	Andy Bates Freshman Wrestling Tournament	H	Maumee High School
Thurs., Dec. 05	5:00 PM	Girl's Basketball (JV)	Rossford High School	A	Rossford High School
Thurs., Dec. 05	6:15 PM	Girl's Basketball (Varsity)	Rossford High School	A	Rossford High School
Thurs., Dec. 05	4:00 PM	Girl's Bowling (Varsity)	Rossford High School	A	Rossford High School
Thurs., Dec. 05	4:00 PM	Boy's Bowling (Varsity)	Rossford High School	A	Rossford High School
Fri., Dec. 06	4:45 PM	Boy's Basketball (Freshman)	Otsego Jr.High/High School	A	Otsego Jr.High/High School
Fri., Dec. 06	6:00 PM	Boy's Basketball (JV)	Otsego Jr.High/High School	A	Otsego Jr.High/High School
Fri., Dec. 06	7:30 PM	Boy's Basketball (Varsity)	Otsego Jr.High/High School	A	Otsego Jr.High/High School
Satur., Dec. 07	7:00 PM	Girl's Basketball (Varsity)	Fostoria Junior/Senior High School	A	Fostoria Junior/Senior High School
Satur., Dec. 07	9:45 AM	Boy's Wrestling (Varsity)	Olentangy High School	A	Olentangy High School
Tues., Dec. 10	5:00 PM	Girl's Basketball (JV)	Oak Harbor HS/MS	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 10	6:15 PM	Girl's Basketball (Varsity)	Oak Harbor HS/MS	H	Maumee High School
Tues., Dec. 10	4:45 PM	Boy's Basketball (Freshman)	Waite High School	A	Waite High School
Tues., Dec. 10	6:00 PM	Boy's Basketball (JV)	Waite High School	A	Waite High School
Tues., Dec. 10	7:30 PM	Boy's Basketball (Varsity)	Waite High School	A	Waite High School